

# STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CHEMIST TRAINEE

The Student Career Experience Program at EPA provides students with paid part-time, semester-length, seasonal, or summer trainee employment leading to non-competitive eligibility for appointment to the target position upon successful completion of at least 640 hours of on-the-job training and receipt of their degree. Positions are available in the following program offices:

**Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance:** OECA enforces US environmental laws while inspiring the regulated community to pursue pollution prevention.

**Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances:** OPPTS regulates pesticides and chemicals to ensure protection of public health and the environment, as well as promotes innovative programs to prevent pollution.

**Chemist trainees** work for the National Enforcement Investigations Center in Denver, CO, EPA's environmental forensic enforcement laboratory, or at Headquarters in Washington, DC. NEIC positions provide laboratory chemical analysis of samples taken to support EPA's and state environmental enforcement cases. The work involves highly technical analysis and knowledge of instrumentation. Washington, DC positions in the other program offices provide scientific analysis to support pesticide registration, evaluating toxic chemical risks, implementing compliance monitoring and assistance programs, the investigation of civil enforcement programs, or preparation, review and analysis of Federal Agency environmental impact statements or environmental assessments. Headquarters positions are analytical in nature. **Only chemistry majors may apply.**

### Specific Job Information:

**Locations:** Washington, DC and Denver, CO.

**Salary:** Federal Government GS-4 (\$13.61/hr-Denver; \$13.60/hr-DC -- undergraduate)  
OR GS-7 (\$18.87/hr-Denver; \$18.85/hr-DC -- master's candidate)

**Schedule:** Flexible, depending on student's needs. Positions are available at any time during the year.

### Position Benefits:

- Benefits include annual and sick leave, health insurance, and retirement.
- Students gain on-the-job training and experience and preview a career choice
- Upon graduation and successful completion of the work requirement, students gain non-competitive eligibility for appointment to the Federal service in the target position.

### Qualifications Required:

- U.S. Citizen
- Enrolled at least half-time in a degree-granting program at an accredited college or university
- At least a 2.95 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Recommended by university faculty
- Basic background investigation

For more information, go to: [www.epa.gov/compliance/about/employment/specialprograms/studentcareerexperience.html](http://www.epa.gov/compliance/about/employment/specialprograms/studentcareerexperience.html)

**How to Apply:** Provide resume, cover letter, current official transcript, recommendation, and writing sample to:

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